

LIVESTOCK ON FARMS JANUARY 1				
YEAR	All Cattle (including milk cows)	Milk Cows (2 years and older) 1/	Hogs and Pigs 2/	Stock Sheep and Lambs
1935	4,787	NA	4,751	1,280
1940	4,915	NA	4,076	815
1945	6,837	NA	4,347	786
1950	7,192	2,682	5,902	842
1954	9,027	2,600	6,580	618
1959	9,170	1,569	7,674	649
1964	10,640	1,112	3,374	485
1969	12,426	893	5,425	366
1974	13,717	491	5,476	213
1978	12,258	262	5,451	227
1982	13,697	330	4,138	293
1987	12,421	262	3,049	1,239
1992	14,841	361	2,104	693
1997	16,842	297	14,309	203

1/ "Milk cows that have calved" beginning in 1970. 2/ Beginning in 1970 hog inventory data refers to preceding December. NA Not available.

FARM INCOME AND SALES			
	1997	1992	1987
Number of farms:	370	335	346
Farm income and sales:			
	-Thousand Dollars-		
Crops Sold	703	371	892
Grains	120	73	237
Tobacco	47	49	(D)
Field seeds, hay, forage, and silage	286	158	101
Other field crops	(D)	(D)	----
Vegetables, sweet corn and melons	(D)	(D)	----
Fruits, nuts and berries	(D)	(D)	----
Nursery and greenhouse products	(D)	(D)	(D)
Forest Products Sold	294	299	96
Livestock, Poultry and Products Sold	16,490	14,445	8,732
Poultry and products	8,425	11,507	6,094
Dairy products	(D)	(D)	(D)
Cattle and calves	1,952	1,815	1,645
Hogs and pigs	(D)	318	462
Sheep, lambs and wool	(D)	27	(D)
Other livestock and products	1	(D)	(D)
Total income from sales:	17,193	14,816	9,624
Custom work and other agricultural services:	48	47	3

(D) Data withheld to avoid disclosing information for individual farms.  
---- Represents zero.

NUMBER OF FARMS, BY SIZE, GROUP								
YEAR	Size of Farm (Acres)							All Farms
	1-9	10-49	50-179	180-499	500-999	1,000-1,999	2,000+	
			50-174 1/2	175-499 1/2		1,000-Over 1/2		
1974	10	77	175	132	38	2	2	436
1978	21	53	169	141	30	6	2	422
1982	13	63	174	128	35	7	1	420
1987	14	61	124	103	36	8	2	346
1992	8	56	144	101	22	4	----	335
1997	6	71	138	124	26	5	----	370

1/ Applies to 1997. ---- Represents zero.

OPERATORS' OCCUPATION AND AGE				
	1982	1987	1992	1997

Operators by principal occupation:

Farming .....	198	145	154	168
Other .....	222	201	181	202

Operators by age group:

Under 25 years .....	9	----	1	2
25 to 34 years .....	24	26	10	8
35 to 44 years .....	52	46	52	70
45 to 54 years .....	95	61	67	67
55 to 64 years .....	NA	101	84	92
65 years and over .....	NA	112	121	131
Average Age .....	56	57	58	58

NA Not available. ---- Represents zero.



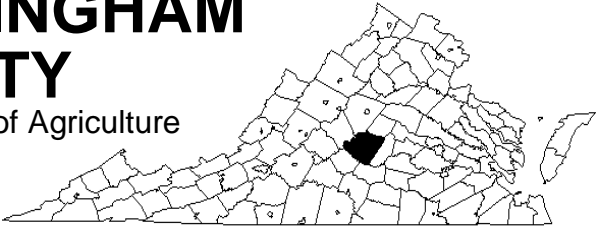
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# BUCKINGHAM COUNTY

U.S. Census of Agriculture



Buckingham County is located in the central Piedmont Plateau. Formed from part of Albemarle in 1761, the county was named after the town of Buckingham, England.

The area of Buckingham totals 371,771 acres, of which 75,854 acres, or 20 percent, was in farms in 1997. According to the **1997 Census of Agriculture**, there were 370 farms in the county averaging 205 acres each in size. The average value per farm, including land and buildings, was \$329,399.

The James River forms the northern and northwestern boundary of the county, and the Appomattox River borders the area on the south. Altitudes generally range from 300 to 700 feet, but there are several small mountains. Willis Mountain, for example, is measured at 1,159 feet, and Spear Mountain is 1,550 feet. Temperatures in Buckingham average a moderate 37 degrees in January and 76 in July. The frost-free growing season averages 168 days, typically falling between April 29 and October 14. While the total precipitation for the year averages nearly 41 inches, heaviest rainfall occurs in July with 4.27 inches and in August with 4.43 inches.

Agriculture is an integral part of Buckingham's economy, and cash farm income totaled 17.2 million dollars in 1997. Of this total, over 96 percent came from livestock, poultry, and related products. Indeed, poultry continues as the county's leading agricultural enterprise, contributing over 49 percent of this total. Cash income from cattle and calves added 11 percent, crops 4 percent.

Since over 80 percent of the county is forested and almost half of all farmland is woodland, it is not surprising that Buckingham's economy is also closely tied to forestry. The production of saw timber, railroad ties, and other items provides an important source of income and employment. Other jobs are provided by the area's thriving mineral industry, as Buckingham slate is well known throughout the country as superior roofing material.

Since there are no large urban centers in the county, the population of Buckingham is classified as mostly rural-urban, and in 1990 totaled 12,873. The total gross personal income that year was \$168.1 million, or an average of \$13,056 per capita.

FARM DATA & LAND USE									
YEAR	Number of Farms	Land in Farms	Avg. Value Per Acre For Land & Buildings	LAND USE					
				Cropland			Other Pasture <u>1/</u>	Woodland	
				Harvested	Other	Pasture		Pasture	Not Pastured
	Number	Acres	Dollars	-Acres-					
1935	2,398	245,391	15	34,587	25,118	22,640	7,253		

1/ Due to changes in definition and wording of questions, figures for "cropland pasture" and "other pasture" are not always comparable from the Census. Acreage beginning with 1964 refer to pastureland and rangeland, other than cropland and woodland pastured, on farms with sales of agricultural products of \$2,500 and over. 2/ Beginning with 1964, agricultural operations under individual management with annual sales of \$1,000 or more. NA Not Available.

POULTRY SALES						
YEAR	Broilers		Turkeys		Hens & Pullets of Laying Age	
	Number of Farms	Number Sold	Number of Farms	Number Sold	Number of Farms	Number Sold
1945 1/	1,509	223,880	15	524	NA	NA
1950 2/	360	376,476	23	3,675	NA	NA
1954 3/	110	1,378,284	46	85,830	NA	NA
1959 3/	88	1,690,750	14	43,729	NA	NA
1964 3/ 4/	58	1,461,734	5	26,000	NA	NA
1969 4/	43	2,376,422	1	(D)	8	(D)
1974 5/ 6/	29	1,884,028	NA	NA	5	(D)
1978 5/	30	3,311,511	----	----	7	(D)
1982	23	3,870,266	1	(D)	8	(D)
1987	16	3,886,216	----	----	7	72,750
1992	20	7,401,719	----	----	5	82,012
1997	22	4,507,627	----	----	5	91,947

1/ 1945 Chickens raised. Turkeys raised. 2/ 1950 Chickens sold. Turkeys raised. 3/ 1964, 1959 and 1954 Turkeys and turkey fryers raised. 4/ 1969 and 1964 Broilers and other meat-type chickens less than 3 months old. 1969 and 1964 Turkeys with farm sales of \$2,500 and over. 5/ 1974 and 1978 Broilers and other meat type chickens sold. 6/ 1974 Turkeys and Hens & Pullets with farm sales of \$2,500 and over. (D) Data withheld to avoid disclosing information for individual farms. ---- Represents zero. NA Not available.

CROP ACREAGE, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION									
YEAR	CORN			WHEAT			SOYBEANS		
	Acres	Yield	Production	Acres	Yield	Production	Acres	Yield	Production
		Bushels	Bushels		Bushels	Bushels		Bushels	Bushels
1935 1/	14,977	16.2	242,447	6,699	12.3	82,343	271	NA	NA
1940	12,795	23.6	302,114	6,004	13.3	80,093	NA	NA	405
1945	12,473	19.9	248,312	7,282	18.0	131,110	NA	NA	563
1950	8,929	30.6	272,843	5,469	17.7	97,030	14	15.4	215
1954	7,952	26.1	207,930	4,541	22.4	101,917	16	11.3	180
1959 2/	6,842	39.5	270,408	4,108	23.0	94,442	57	15.8	899
1964	3,643	35.5	129,295	2,886	29.0	83,763	64	15.4	983
1969	2,391	55.4	132,547	1,850	39.0	72,165	139	23.7	3,298
1974	3,245	57.6	186,921	2,244	31.1	69,754	143	18.1	2,595
1978	3,118	62.9	196,024	1,105	35.3	39,049	102	24.1	2,461
1982	3,286	78.2	257,070	2,253	30.3	68,322	898	28.3	25,374
1987	2,345	31.2	73,167	905	43.2	39,130	878	11.4	9,991
1992	961	67.2	64,586	331	29.0	9,611	NA	NA	NA
1997	392	74.4	29,168	326	67.8	22,090	NA	NA	NA

1/ All corn (grain equivalent, including silage and forage) 1935-54. 2/ For grain only, 1959-92. NA Not available.

CROP ACREAGE, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION			
YEAR	TOBACCO		
	Acres	Yield	Production
		Pounds	Pounds
1935	1,276	761.6	971,835
1940	1,699	942.9	1,601,942
1945	1,185	980.4	1,161,744
1950	873	1,083.3	945,740
1954	886	1,022.9	906,333
1959	651	1,432.1	932,318
1964	567	1,141.9	647,455
1969	449	1,493.7	670,655
1974	313	1,379.7	431,850
1978	249	1,131.2	281,664
1982	183	1,319.9	241,547
1987	74	1,073.4	79,433
1992	38	1,321.2	50,205
1997	20	1,677.2	33,543

CROP ACREAGE AND PRODUCTION											
YEAR	Vegetables for sale 1/	Oats Threshed or Combined 2/		Barley Threshed or Combined 2/		Rye Threshed or Combined 2/		Potatoes 3/		Sweet Potatoes	
	Acres	Acres	Bushels	Acres	Bushels	Acres	Bushels	Acres	Bushels	Acres	Bushels
1935	45	374	4,842	80	1,523	220	2,007	288	21,711	255	23,043
1940	19	335	5,715	214	5,394	125	1,321	316	17,794	269	18,290
1945	80	504	9,932	266	6,172	174	2,253	169	11,138	100	7,402
1950	22	520	14,312	208	6,483	74	1,173	52	8,260	32	7,621
1954	10	1,216	43,852	451	14,348	40	632	22	8,781	2	2,673
1959	13	1,097	37,752	964	32,711	44	585	8	2,441	9	3,279
1964	6	506	15,967	813	36,474	96	2,484	2	555	NA	267
1969	27	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1974	21	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	4	773	1	51
1978	14	112	4,451	613	25,034	(D)	(D)	2	135	(D)	(D)
1982	NA	71	3,350	521	22,821	NA	NA	NA	NA	(D)	(D)
1987	NA	NA	NA	466	28,005	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1992	37	NA	NA	177	11,535	NA	NA	(D)	(D)	NA	NA
1997	(D)	41	1,382	57	3,160	NA	NA	(D)	(D)	NA	NA

1/ Excludes potatoes and sweet potatoes. 2/ Beginning with 1964 includes farms with total sales of agricultural products of \$2,500 and over. 3/ Potatoes are in hundred weight starting in 1959. NA Not available. (D) Data withheld to avoid disclosing information for individual farms.

CROP ACREAGE AND PRODUCTION							
YEAR	All Hay	Alfalfa for Hay 1/		Other Tame Hay 2/		Small Grains for Hay 2/ 3/	
	Acres	Acres	Tons	Acres	Tons	Acres	Tons
1935	7,628	499	779	3,375	3,211	96	73
1940	9,181	398	835	7,947	9,636	81	62
1945	14,123	444	892	12,837	14,096	16	13
1950	11,251	796	1,427	9,922	11,492	113	144
1954	11,515	747	1,396	9,137	7,576	447	452
1959	10,871	1,001	2,000	7,093	8,473	332	388
1964	8,137	534	731	5,243	4,532	543	624
1969	8,470	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1974	8,459	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1978	10,217	999	1,269	7,743	12,219	482	805
1982	10,333	1,158	4,286	8,479	12,155	346	528
1987	12,830	668	1,179	10,101	16,091	321	588
1992	12,875	1,861	2,800	9,736	18,723	166	367
1997	16,604	430	1,148	13,351	23,774	323	695

1/ Beginning with 1964 includes farms with total sales of agricultural products of \$2,500 and over. 2/ Beginning with 1964 includes farms with total sales of agricultural products of \$2,500 and over. Beginning with 1978 data are for all farms. Includes clover-timothy, lespedeza and orchard grass mixtures cut for hay. 3/ Beginning with 1978 data are for all farms. NA Not available.